MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ____ no _X

Property Name: Snyder House	Inventory Number: WA-I-101
Address: 20949 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804)	Historic district: yes X no
City: Chewsville Zip Code: 21721	County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Hagerstown	
Property Owner: Todd W. Bowser	Tax Account ID Number: 019612
Tax Map Parcel Number(s):460 Tax Map Numb	ber:50
Project: Chewsville Streetscape Improvements Agenc	ey: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company	
Preparer's Name: Emma Young	Date Prepared: 3/26/2007
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form, Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.	, WA-I-101, on file at the Maryland Historical
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended	X Eligibility not recommended
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Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name:	Date:
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo) Architectural Description: The dwelling identified as the "Snyder House" was previously surveyed in 1974 to (MIHP) form (WA-I-101, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Nowner at the time of the 1974 survey. The property was not evaluated for eligibility Places as part of the 1974 survey.) This form is to serve as an update and expansion. The Snyder House is located at 20949 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) in Chewsvilloccupies a small lot on the south side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) and to the A gravel driveway extends southward from the east side of the dwelling. The one-and-a-half-story, two-bay, circa-1818, side-gabled, log dwelling retains for retains its steeply pitched roof, sheathed in standing-seam metal, which features go dwelling sits atop the original, fieldstone foundation.	Maryland; the name Snyder denotes the property ity for listing in the National Register of Historic on of the 1974 MIHP form. lle, Washington County, Maryland. The dwelling e north of the Western Maryland Railroad tracks. few features from the 1974 survey. The dwelling
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The dwelling contains extensive alterations since the 1974 survey. The one-story, one-bay, flat-roof entry porch that sheltered the main entry into the dwelling, located in the westernmost bay of the north (front) elevation, has been replaced with a one-story, one-bay, vinyl, pedimented entry. Vinyl siding covers the original brick exterior, including the exterior chimney on the west elevation. The dwelling contains replacement windows, the majority of which are one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl types. The second story of the north (front) elevation consists of two-light, sliding, vinyl, replacement windows. The original wooden trim and sills have been removed from each opening. A one-story, two-bay, shed-roof, wooden entry porch has been added to the east elevation of the rear ell. Since the 1974 survey, the small, one-story, one-bay entry porch on the west elevation has been enclosed and clad in vinyl siding. The enclosure contains one, one-over-one light, double-hung sash, replacement window on the west elevation.

A grassy lawn surrounds the dwelling. A poured-concrete sidewalk extends northward from the main entry on the north elevation. Two poured-concrete steps lead from the sidewalk to the south side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804). Mature deciduous trees dot the property to the south and west. However, mature deciduous and evergreen trees, visible in the 1974 survey photographs, have since been removed from the northwest and northeast sides of the dwelling.

Overall, the dwelling stands in good condition.

Historical Narrative:

Property History

In 1818, Jacob (John) Meyers sold a 24-acre parcel, noted as part of the "Resurvey on George's Mistake," "George's Venture," and "the Barrance (Barrens)" to Jacob Lauver. The 24-acre property was located on what was then called the Smithburg to Hagerstown Turnpike (currently Twin Springs Drive/MD 804), and adjacent lands were owned by the Rohrer and Hughes families. Physical evidence indicates that the dwelling currently located at 20949 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) was erected on the property during Jacob Lauver's period of ownership; therefore, Lauver is credited with the dwelling's construction.

In 1854, the descendents of Jacob Lauver, including Barbara Lauver, Elliot Lauver, and his wife, Mary Lauver, sold the property to David S. Spessard. By this time, the lot had reduced in size from 24 acres to 15 acres and 84 perches.

The 15-acre lot subsequently came under the ownership of Jacob and Catharine Stauffer, likely heirs of David Spessard. The Stauffers sold the lot for \$3,200 to Mary E. Funk in 1867. Mary and her husband, Philip Funk, kept the property for only a brief time, selling it in 1869 to John Roadinger for \$2,900.

Jonathan (John) Roadinger eventually sold the 15-acre lot back into the Spessard family in 1904. Woodward Spessard purchased the lot from Roadinger in 1904 for \$2,700. The property is noted as being adjacent to the lands of John Harp, Frederick Baker, the School property and others.

Woodward and his wife, Lizzi Spessard, did not keep the property for long, selling it to Samuel H. Snell and his wife in 1907 for \$3,000 The Snells also sold quickly, conveying the lot for \$3150 to Daniel and Ella Houpt the following year.

The Houpts sold the 15-acre lot to Elmer and Nettie Detrow in 1916 for \$4,000. The land was noted as being north of John Harp's land, south of Fred Baker's land, west of the School and Church, and east of Melvin Spessard's apple orchards.

Daniel and Ella Houpt subdivided the lot, and donated two of their parcels to the Bethel United Brethren Church of Chewsville

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(presently the Bethel United Methodist Church, WA-I-884) in 1937. One of these lots, originating with the Snells as noted above, contained the Snyder House. The other lot, 8.8 acres in size and located across the street, was sold to James and Minnie Baily for \$6,800. The Church Trustees (Webster L. Spessard, Charles V. Yessler, Frederick A. Baker, Lewis H. Needy and Frank Snyder) conveyed the house lot, located on the south side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), to Lewis and Mary Needy in 1939.

Mary Needy, a widow by this time, transferred the property to her daughter, Myrtle, and son-in-law, Frank Snyder, in 1963. At this time, the lot is noted as being 1.05 acres. The Snyders sold the house in 1986 to Melvin C. Keller and his wife, Patsy, for \$28,500.

In 1995, the Keller's conveyed the property to Todd William and Jacqueline Anne Bowser for \$71,500. Since 2006, Todd Bowser has singularly retained ownership of the property.

Log Dwellings

The Snyder House is an example of an early nineteenth-century log dwelling. McAlester and McAlester note that many early, prerailroad, log houses are commonly found in rural areas and are well-documented and thoroughly studied (McAlester 2002: 82). The "Middle Tradition," which McAlester and McAlester attribute to the colonies that comprised present-day Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, consisted largely of Germanic immigrants from heavily wooded areas of central and northern Europe. The settlers utilized local resources, including limestone in areas under laid with stone; brick, in areas of clay and shale; and logs virtually everywhere, to construct their buildings. The use of log is indicative of the low cost and availability of "rough forest materials" (Noble 1984: 41). The Germanic immigrants introduced techniques of building with logs hewn square and then placed horizontally to make solid wooden walls. Various systems of carefully interlocking or notching the squared timbers helped to hold the massive structures together.

In the area that included present-day Washington County, Scotch-Irish and English pioneers joined the Germanic settlers and quickly adopted their log building techniques. This group of settlers modified the shape of the three-room, log house into the one-room deep linear plan with external chimney(s) that dominated the region (McAlester 2002: 82). Examples of early log architecture and German architectural influences are represented throughout Washington County, although many, such as the Snyder House, have been re-clad in brick, wood, aluminum, and vinyl siding.

Significance Evaluation:

The Snyder House, located at 20949 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) in Chewsville, Washington County, Maryland, is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The dwelling represents a common architectural form found throughout Washington County and Maryland.

According to the National Register of Historic Places guidelines established by the National Park Service, the quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, site, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with lives of significant persons in our past;
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (National Park Service 1997).

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The Snyder House, located at 20949 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The dwelling is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

The Snyder House is not eligible under Criterion B because it has no known association with the lives of individuals of historical importance. Although the individuals who owned and inhabited the property were of families that contributed to the development of the area, the persons who lived in the house were not directly involved in any significant events or trends.

The Snyder House is not eligible under Criterion C because the dwelling does not possess the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify it for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The log dwelling, clad in replacement siding, represents a common architectural type and form found throughout Washington County and Maryland. Furthermore, the Snyder House is not an exceptional or representative example of its form. The dwelling does not represent the work of a master nor does it possess high artistic values.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the architectural survey and evaluation.

The Snyder House possesses integrity of setting and location, retaining its location amongst late-nineteenth- and early twentieth-century dwellings on the south side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), adjacent to the roadway. The dwelling no longer retains integrity of design because the rear ell creates a rectangular footprint instead of the original, square form. The dwelling contains replacement exterior siding and windows and the front entry porch has been highly altered, all of which compromise integrity of materials and workmanship. The lack of integrity of design, materials and workmanship culminates in the loss of integrity of association and feeling. Therefore, the Snyder House does not retain sufficient integrity from the period of construction (circa 1818) to deem it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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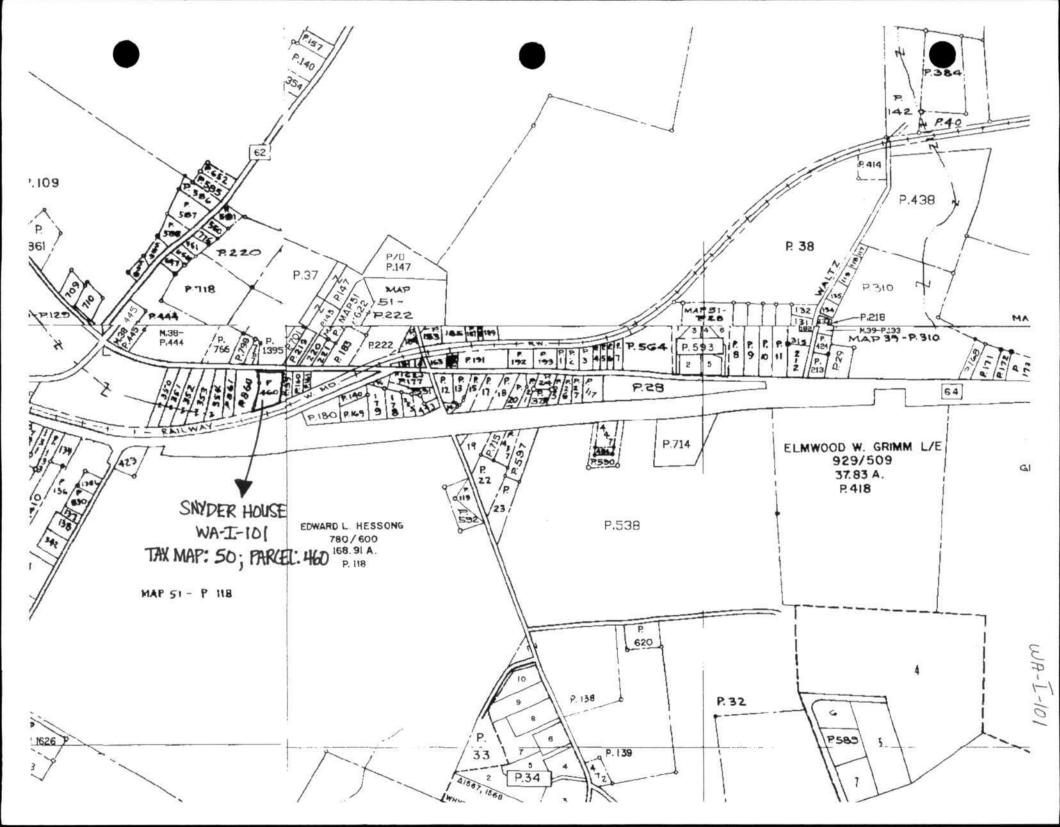
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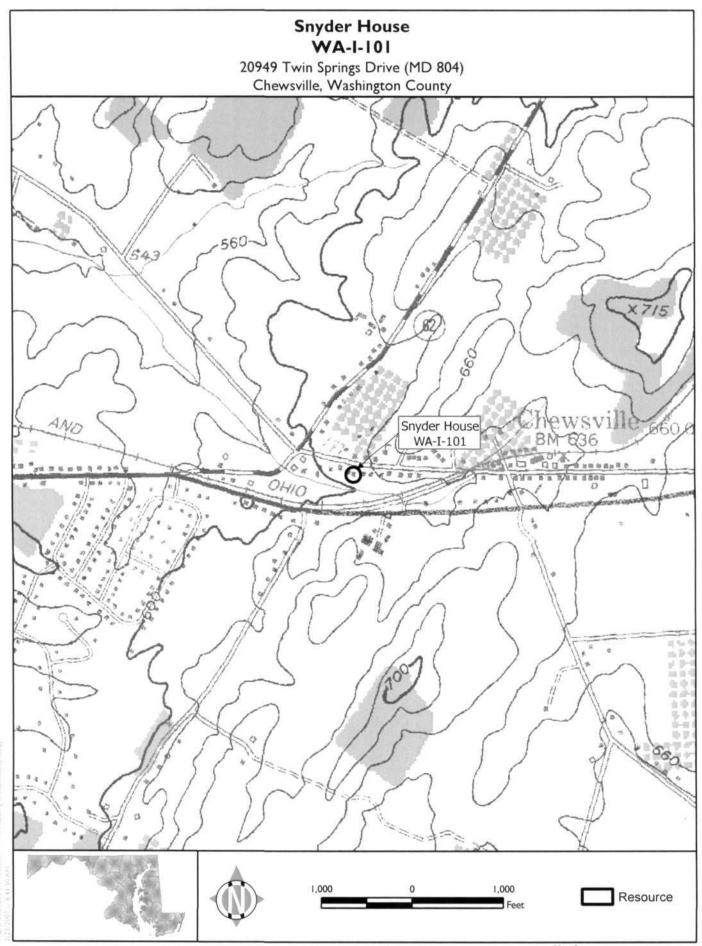
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This house is located on the south side of Main Street, old Route 64 in Chewsville, Md. It is situated on a low bank above the roadbed toward the west end of town and faces north.

The structure is a two-bay, one-and-a-half story brick dwelling, painted red with white trim. An el extends to the rear or south.

The walls are set on low fieldstone foundations. Bricks are arranged in all stretcher bond with flat arches present over the first story windows. The present surface could be brick veneer over earlier log construction.

Windows display narrow framing and contain two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes. Wider horizontal sash windows are present at the upper story. The main entrance is located in the west bay of the front elevation. It is simple in appearance and does not include a transom.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. An exterior end chimney of brick is located at the west elevation. Other brick flues are located inside the gable end.

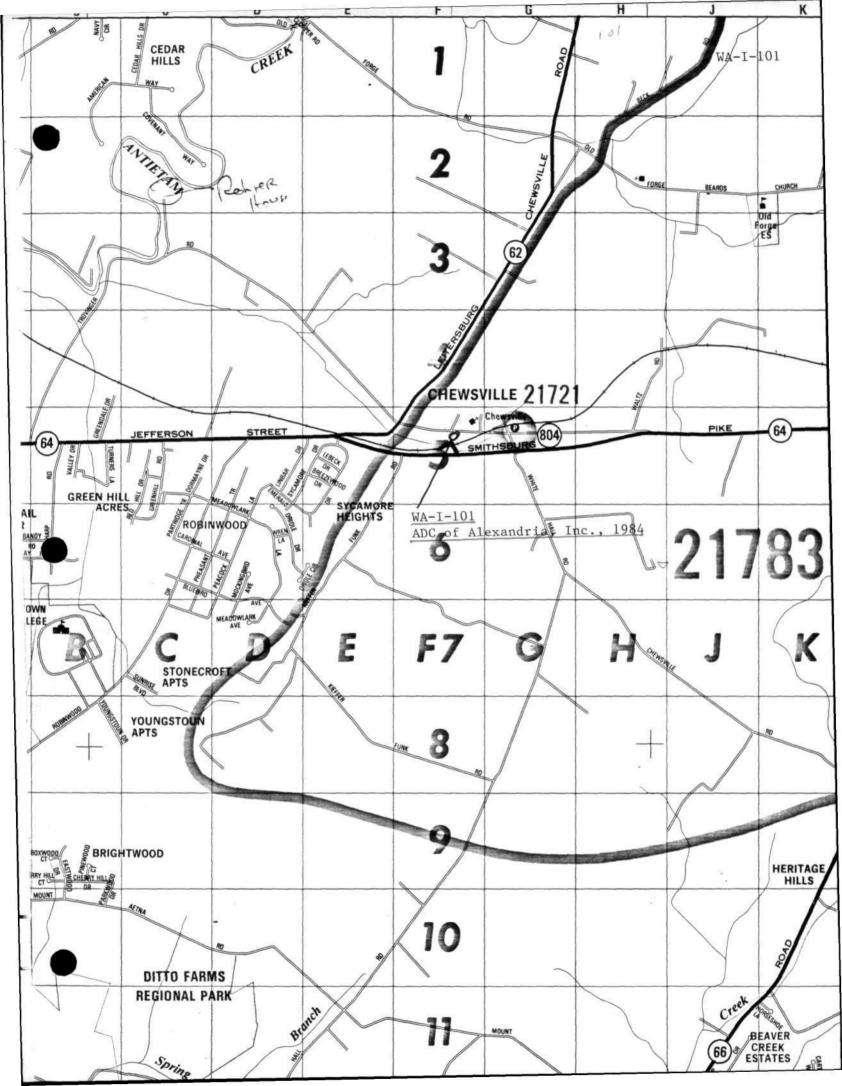
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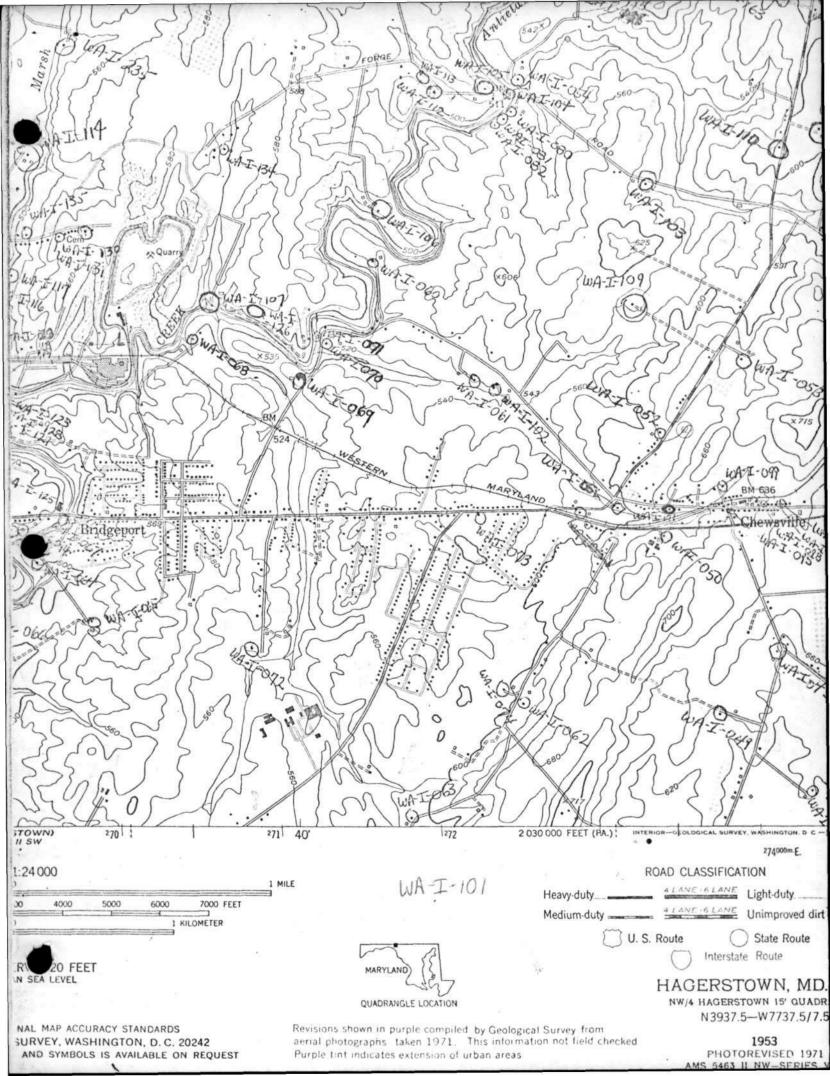
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